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WASHINGTON, July 3, 1985 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended June 29 totaled an estimated 18.6 billion ton-miles, 0.4 percent above the corresponding week of 1984, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 26 weeks of 1985 was an estimated 450.1 billion ton-miles, down 3.4 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended June 29 totaled 398,064, down 0.8 percent from last year, and 0.4 percent lower than the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 0.2 percent in the West, but down 0.3 percent in the East and 3.3 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 16 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. Loadings of motor vehicles and equipment increased by 1,150 cars (6.0 percent), and coal loadings were up 5,018 cars (4.5 percent). Eleven of 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended June 22 totaled 86,320 trailers and/or containers, 1.9 percent below the corresponding week of 1984.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 25 weeks of the year was 2,111,640 trailers and/or containers, down 3.3 percent from 1984.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 6/29/85:

|                                              | <u>Loadings in</u><br><u>Week ended</u><br><u>June 29, 1985</u> |   |  | <u>Change from</u><br><u>Corresponding</u><br><u>Week 1984</u> |         |   | <u>Change from</u><br><u>Preceding</u><br><u>Week</u> |         |  |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---|--|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------|---|-------------------------------------------------------|---------|--|
|                                              | Cars                                                            |   |  | Cars                                                           | Percent |   | Cars                                                  | Percent |  |
| Grain                                        | 25,157                                                          | D |  | 2,069                                                          | 7.6     | D | 1,452                                                 | 5.5     |  |
| Other farm products                          | 3,601                                                           | D |  | 168                                                            | 4.5     | D | 134                                                   | 3.6     |  |
| Metallic ores                                | 19,469                                                          | I |  | 1,457                                                          | 8.1     | I | 921                                                   | 5.0     |  |
| Coal                                         | 117,406                                                         | I |  | 5,018                                                          | 4.5     | D | 5,047                                                 | 4.2     |  |
| Crushed stone, gravel and sand               | 13,112                                                          | D |  | 482                                                            | 3.5     | D | 493                                                   | 3.6     |  |
| Nonmetallic minerals                         | 11,290                                                          | D |  | 1,123                                                          | 9.0     | I | 816                                                   | 7.8     |  |
| Grain mill products                          | 9,633                                                           | D |  | 503                                                            | 5.0     | D | 239                                                   | 2.4     |  |
| Food and kindred products                    | 11,171                                                          | D |  | 133                                                            | 1.2     | I | 205                                                   | 1.9     |  |
| Primary forest products                      | 11,980                                                          | D |  | 2,052                                                          | 14.6    | D | 25                                                    | 0.2     |  |
| Lumber and wood products<br>except furniture | 8,546                                                           | I |  | 746                                                            | 9.6     | I | 816                                                   | 10.6    |  |
| Pulp, paper and allied products              | 14,668                                                          | D |  | 908                                                            | 5.8     | I | 755                                                   | 5.4     |  |
| Chemicals and allied products                | 25,228                                                          | I |  | 1,214                                                          | 5.1     | I | 2,820                                                 | 12.6    |  |
| Petroleum products                           | 4,796                                                           | D |  | 55                                                             | 1.1     | I | 117                                                   | 2.5     |  |
| Stone, clay and glass products               | 11,373                                                          | D |  | 478                                                            | 4.0     | I | 337                                                   | 3.1     |  |
| Coke                                         | 4,917                                                           | D |  | 479                                                            | 8.9     | D | 230                                                   | 4.5     |  |
| Metals and products                          | 9,581                                                           | D |  | 966                                                            | 9.2     | I | 430                                                   | 4.7     |  |
| Motor vehicles and equipment                 | 20,176                                                          | I |  | 1,150                                                          | 6.0     | D | 2,510                                                 | 11.1    |  |
| Waste and scrap materials                    | 8,154                                                           | D |  | 1,492                                                          | 15.5    | D | 182                                                   | 2.2     |  |
| Forwarder and shipper<br>association traffic | 6,650                                                           | D |  | 1,291                                                          | 16.3    | I | 320                                                   | 5.1     |  |
| All other carloads                           | 60,991                                                          | D |  | 632                                                            | 1.0     | I | 1,386                                                 | 2.3     |  |
| LCL traffic                                  | 165                                                             | D |  | 51                                                             | 23.6    | D | 42                                                    | 20.3    |  |
| Total Cars Loaded                            | 398,064                                                         | D |  | 3,297                                                          | 0.8     | D | 1,431                                                 | 0.4     |  |

Corresponding week of 1984

401,361

|                              | <u>1985</u> | <u>1984</u> | <u>% Change</u> |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Total Cars Loaded (26 weeks) | 9,767,005   | 10,282,008  | D 5.0           |

Estimated revenue ton-miles  
(in billions):

|                        |       |       |       |
|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| 25 Weeks ended June 22 | 431.5 | 447.6 | D 3.6 |
| Week ended June 29     | 18.6  | 18.5  | I 0.4 |
| 26 weeks cumulative    | 450.1 | 466.1 | D 3.4 |